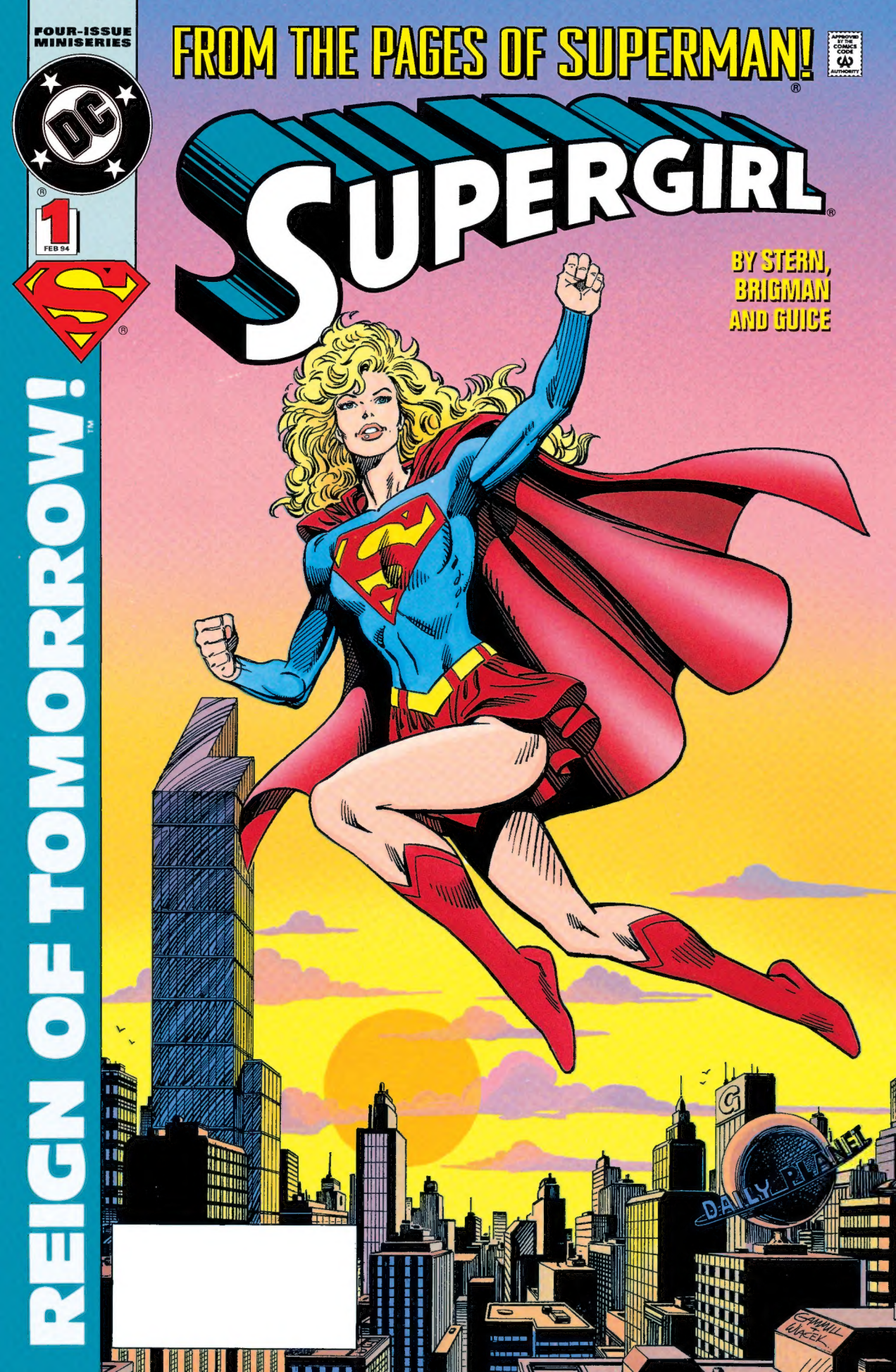
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REIGN OF TOMORROW!
DAILY PLANET
GAMMILL
WACKER

STATUS REPORT!
ALL SECTORS SECURED... AUTO-WELDERS ARE FINISHING THE FINAL CONNECTIONS.
ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETION--ONE MINUTE, FIVE SECONDS.
I DON'T KNOW. THIS WHOLE OPERATION BOTHERS ME...
...I WISH WE HAD MORE TIME. I HATE RUSH JOBS.
WILL YOU RELAX? WE'RE ON SCHEDULE.
LOOK, RADAR SYSTEMS ARE FULLY FUNCTIONAL AND EVERYTHING'S IN THE GREEN!
WE'D GET A YELLOW ALERT BEFORE ANYTHING CAME WITHIN A HUNDRED--
--MILES.
RED ALERT! REPEAT, RED ALERT--
OMIGOD.

TRIAL RUN

--SECURITY HAS BEEN BREACHED!

UUHNGH!

LOOK OUT!

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! IT'S... IT'S...

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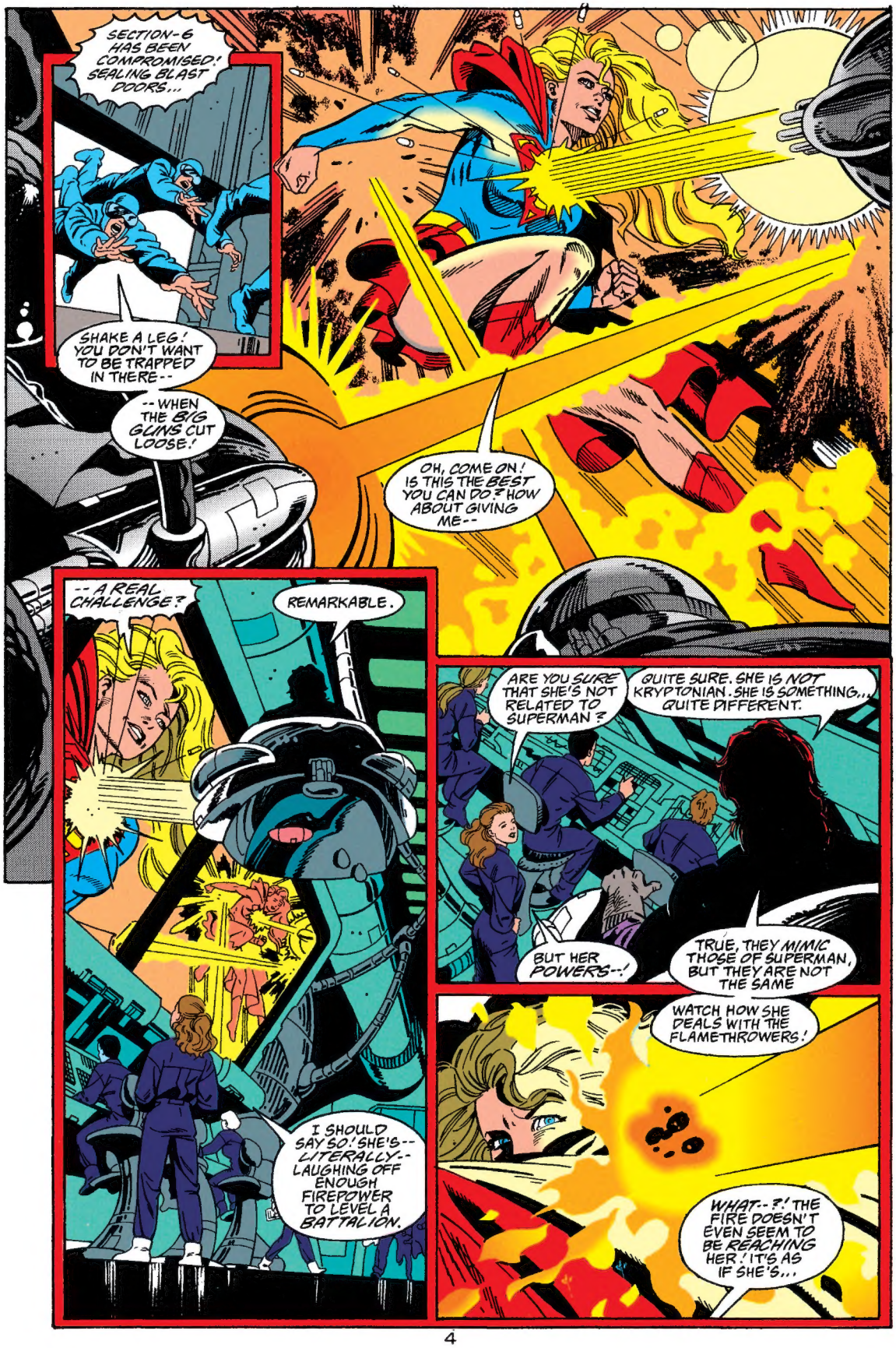
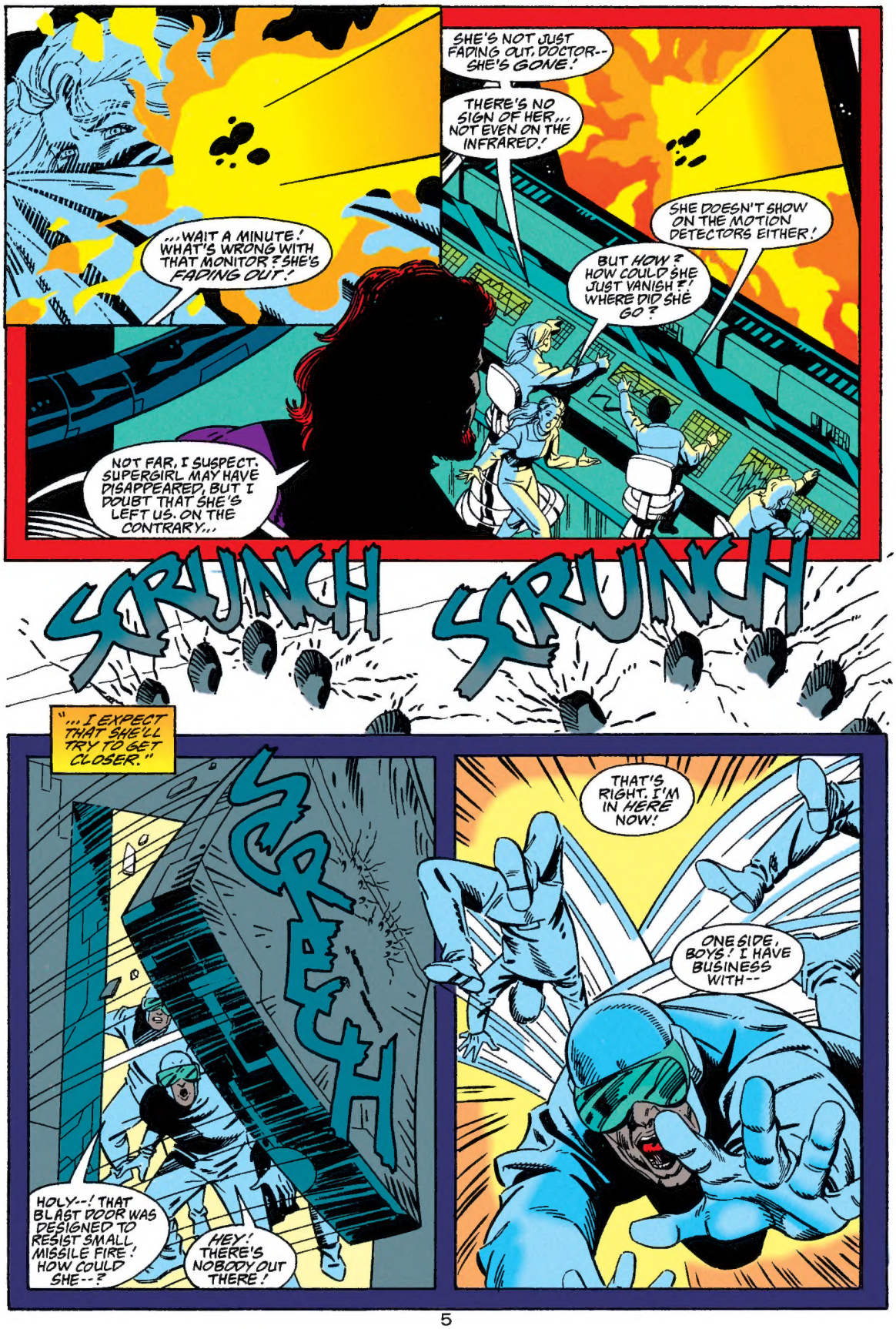
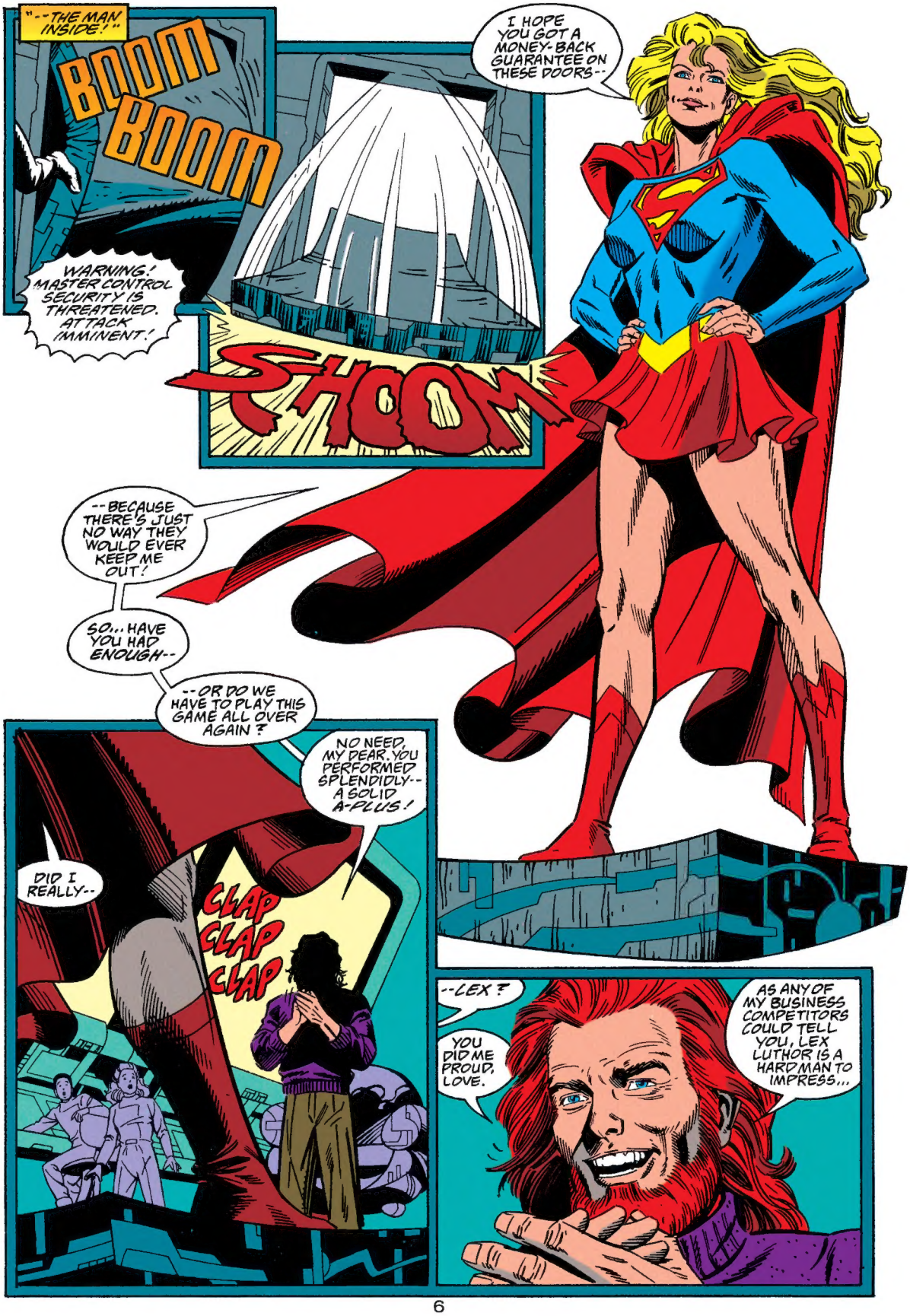
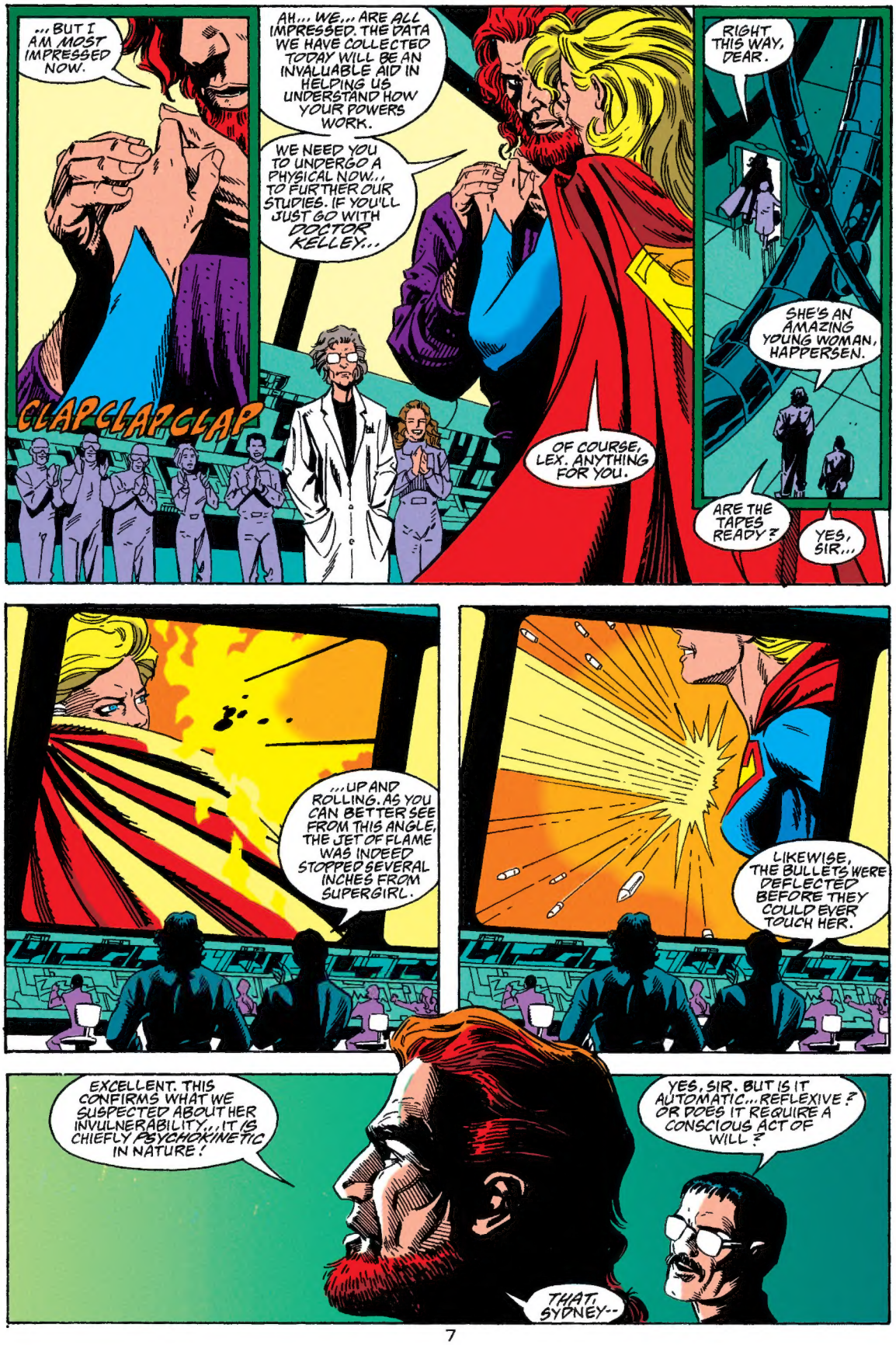
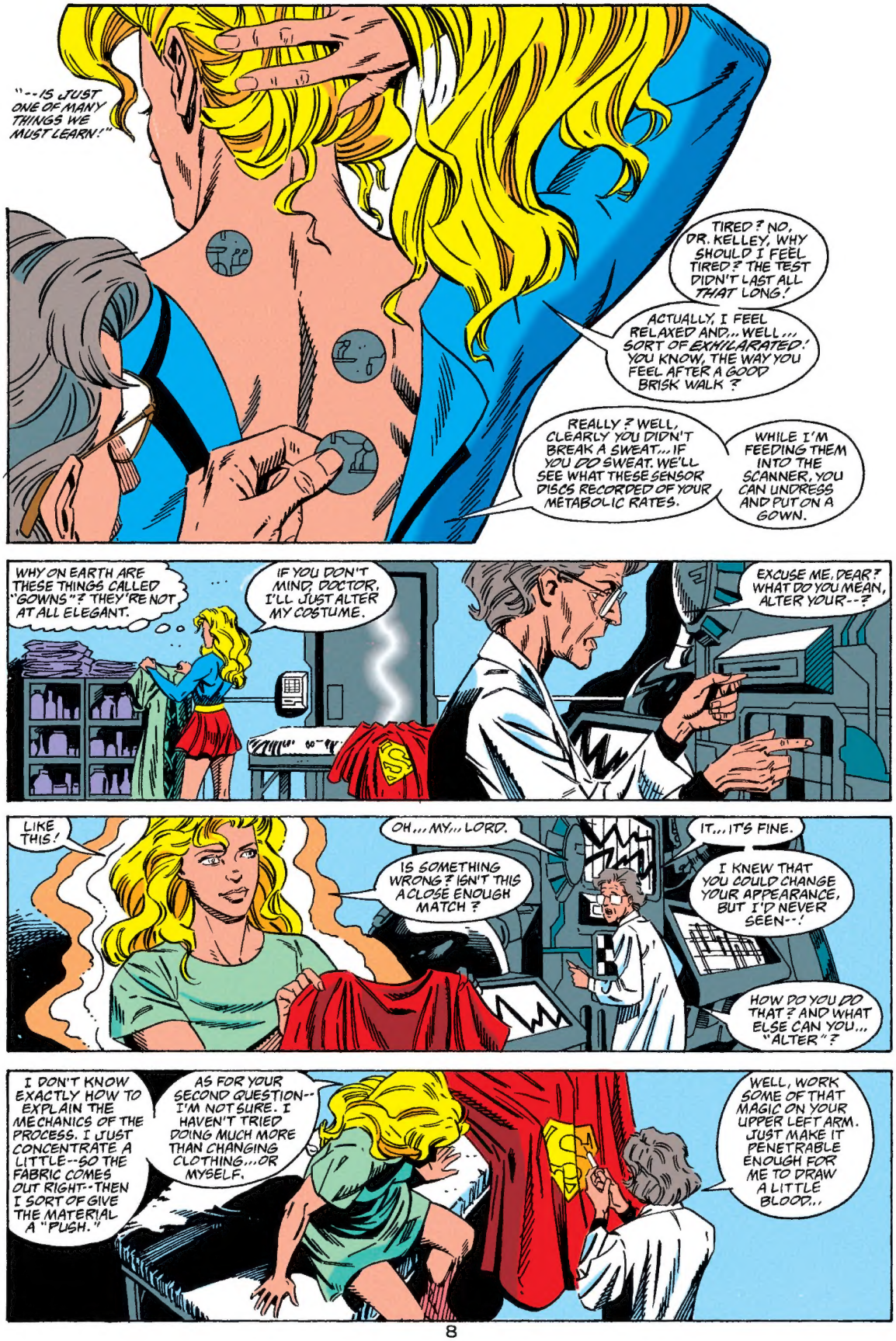
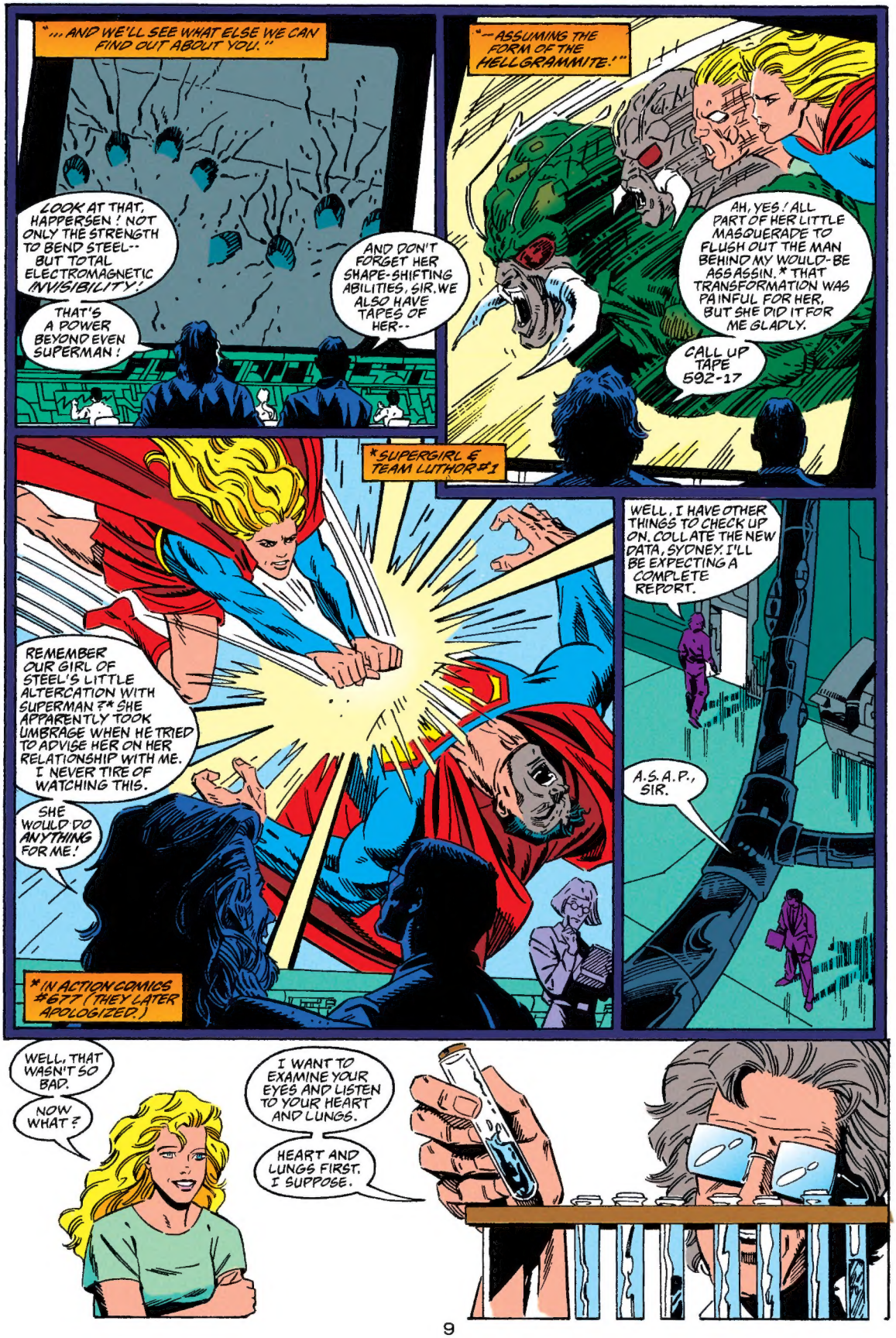

SECTION-6 HAS BEEN COMPROMISED! SEALING BLAST DOORS...
SHAKE A LEG! YOU DON'T WANT TO BE TRAPPED IN THERE--
--WHEN THE BIG GUNS CUT LOOSE!
OH, COME ON! IS THIS THE BEST YOU CAN DO? HOW ABOUT GIVING ME--
--A REAL CHALLENGE?
REMARKABLE.
I SHOULD SAY SO! SHE'S--LITERALLY--LAUGHING OFF ENOUGH FIREPOWER TO LEVEL A BATTALION.
ARE YOU SURE THAT SHE'S NOT RELATED TO SUPERMAN?
QUITE SURE. SHE IS NOT KRYPTONIAN. SHE IS SOMETHING... QUITE DIFFERENT.
BUT HER POWERS--!
TRUE, THEY MIMIC THOSE OF SUPERMAN, BUT THEY ARE NOT THE SAME
WATCH HOW SHE DEALS WITH THE FLAMETHROWERS!
WHAT--?! THE FIRE DOESN'T EVEN SEEM TO BE REACHING HER! IT'S AS IF SHE'S...

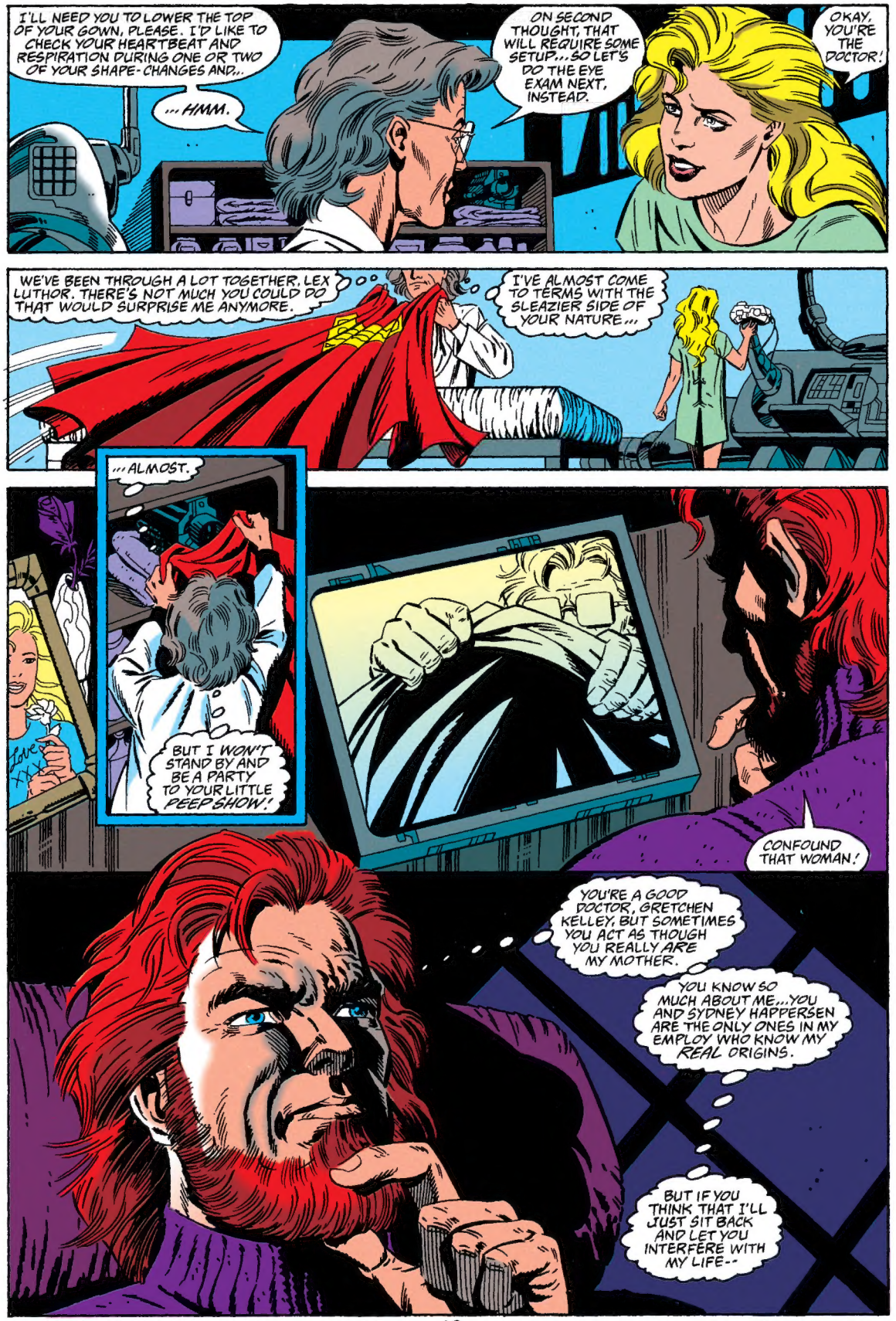

...WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT MONITOR? SHE'S FADING OUT!
NOT FAR, I SUSPECT. SUPERGIRL MAY HAVE DISAPPEARED, BUT I DOUBT THAT SHE'S LEFT US. ON THE CONTRARY...
SHE'S NOT JUST FADING OUT, DOCTOR-- SHE'S GONE!
THERE'S NO SIGN OF HER... NOT EVEN ON THE INFRARED!
BUT HOW? HOW COULD SHE JUST VANISH? WHERE DID SHE GO?
SHE DOESN'T SHOW ON THE MOTION DETECTORS EITHER!
SCRUNCH
SCRUNCH
"...I EXPECT THAT SHE'LL TRY TO GET CLOSER."
SCRUNCH
HOLY--! THAT BLAST DOOR WAS DESIGNED TO RESIST SMALL MISSILE FIRE! HOW COULD SHE--?
HEY! THERE'S NOBODY OUT THERE!
THAT'S RIGHT. I'M IN HERE NOW!
ONE SIDE, BOYS! I HAVE BUSINESS WITH--

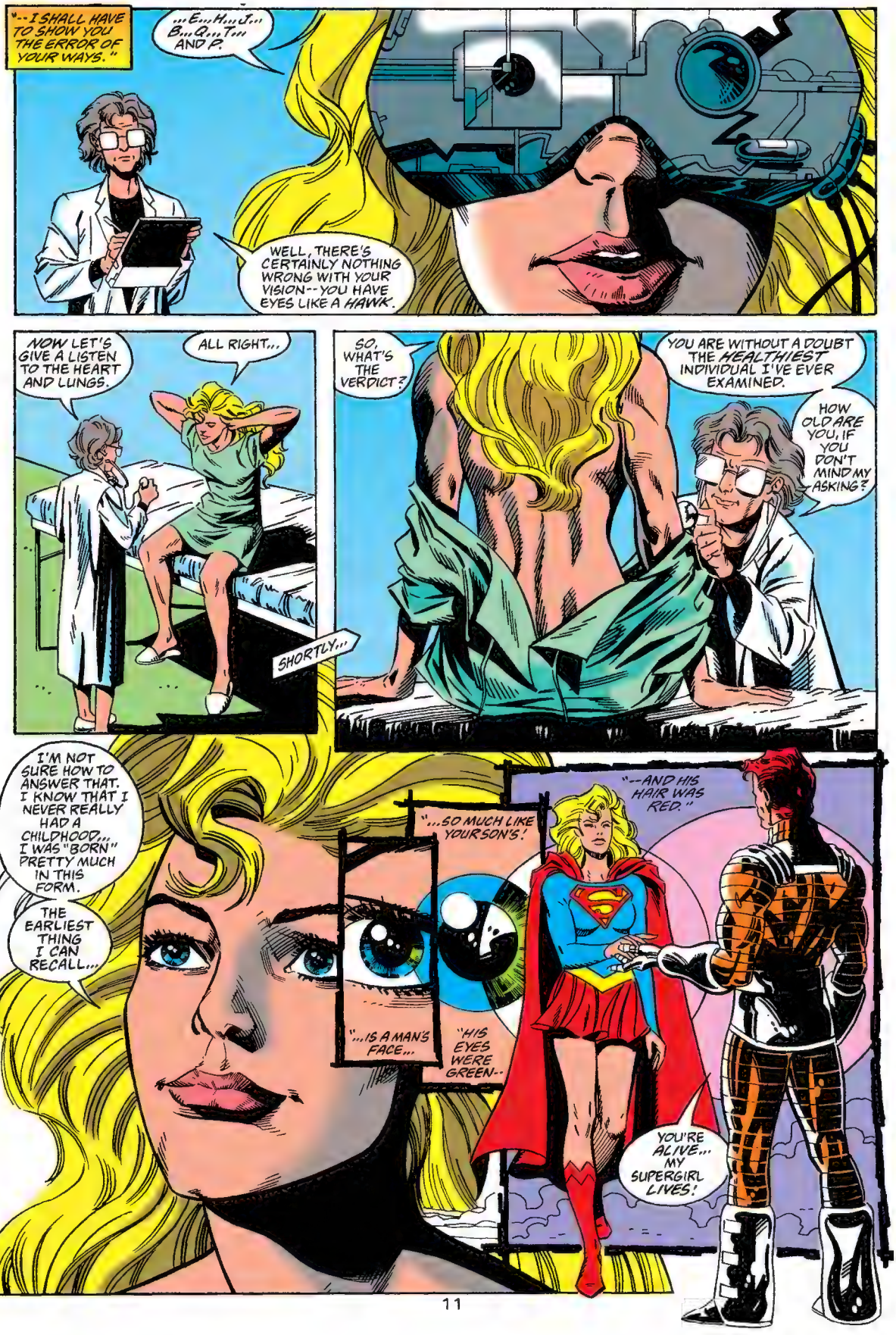

"--THE MAN INSIDE!"
BOOM BOOM
WARNING! MASTER CONTROL SECURITY IS THREATENED. ATTACK IMMINENT!
SHOOM
I HOPE YOU GOT A MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE ON THESE DOORS--
--BECAUSE THERE'S JUST NO WAY THEY WOULD EVER KEEP ME OUT!
SO... HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH--
--OR DO WE HAVE TO PLAY THIS GAME ALL OVER AGAIN?
NO NEED, MY DEAR. YOU PERFORMED SPLENDIDLY-- A SOLID A-PLUS!
DID I REALLY--
CLAP CLAP CLAP
--LEX?
YOU DID ME PROUD, LOVE.
AS ANY OF MY BUSINESS COMPETITORS COULD TELL YOU, LEX LUTHOR IS A HARD MAN TO IMPRESS...


...BUT I AM MOST IMPRESSED NOW.
AH... WE... ARE ALL IMPRESSED. THE DATA WE HAVE COLLECTED TODAY WILL BE AN INVALUABLE AID IN HELPING US UNDERSTAND HOW YOUR POWERS WORK.
WE NEED YOU TO UNDERGO A PHYSICAL NOW... TO FURTHER OUR STUDIES. IF YOU'LL JUST GO WITH DOCTOR KELLEY...
CLAP CLAP CLAP
OF COURSE, LEX. ANYTHING FOR YOU.
RIGHT THIS WAY, DEAR.
SHE'S AN AMAZING YOUNG WOMAN, HAPPERSEN.
ARE THE TAPES READY?
YES, SIR...
...UP AND ROLLING. AS YOU CAN BETTER SEE FROM THIS ANGLE, THE JET OF FLAME WAS INDEED STOPPED SEVERAL INCHES FROM SUPERGIRL.
LIKEWISE, THE BULLETS WERE DEFLECTED BEFORE THEY COULD EVER TOUCH HER.
EXCELLENT. THIS CONFIRMS WHAT WE SUSPECTED ABOUT HER INVULNERABILITY... IT IS CHIEFLY PSYCHOKINETIC IN NATURE!
YES, SIR. BUT IS IT AUTOMATIC... REFLEXIVE? OR DOES IT REQUIRE A CONSCIOUS ACT OF WILL?
THAT, SYDNEY--

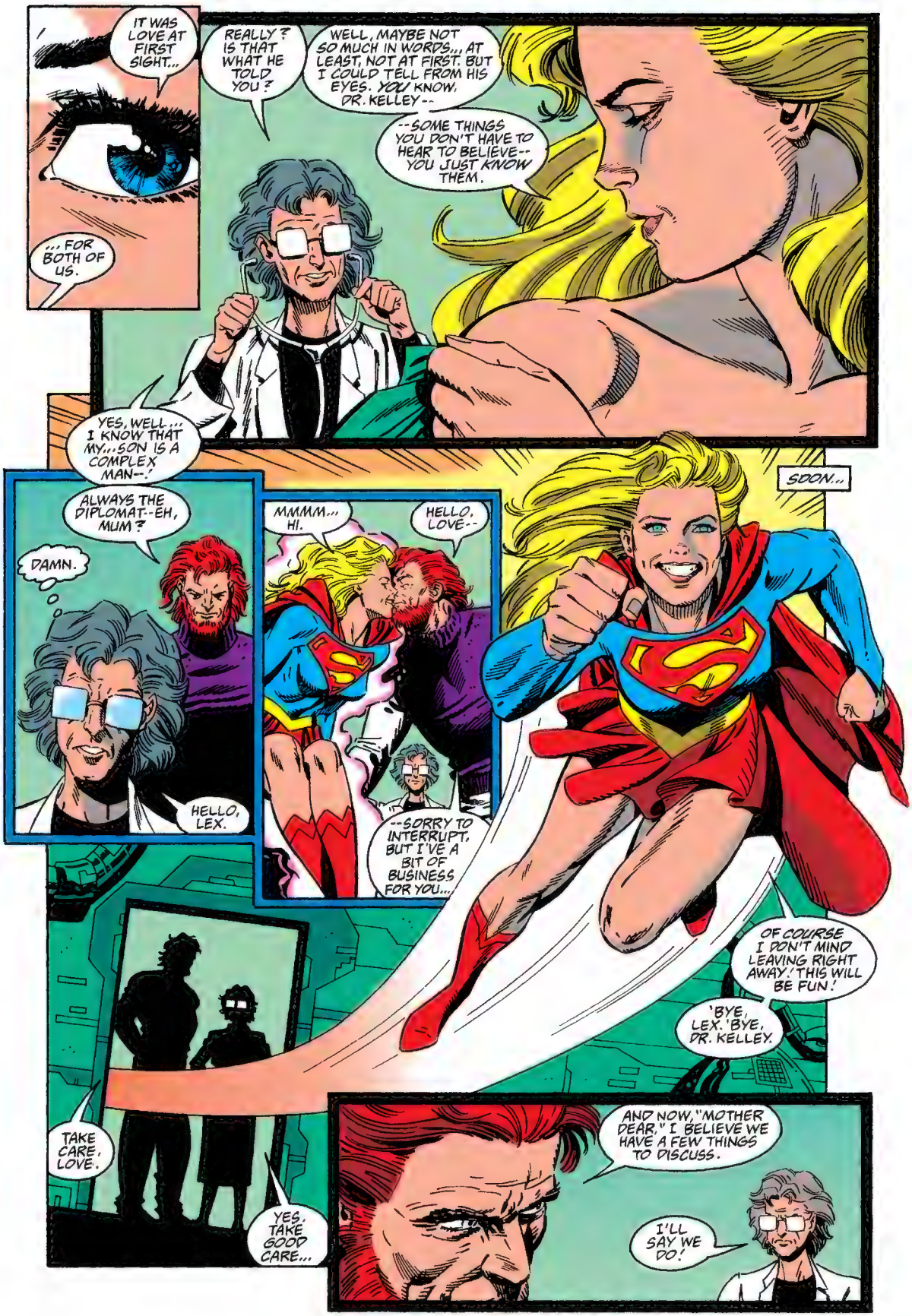

"--IS JUST ONE OF MANY THINGS WE MUST LEARN!"
TIRED? NO, DR. KELLEY, WHY SHOULD I FEEL TIRED? THE TEST DIDN'T LAST ALL THAT LONG!
ACTUALLY, I FEEL RELAXED AND,,, WELL,,, SORT OF EXHILARATED! YOU KNOW, THE WAY YOU FEEL AFTER A GOOD BRISK WALK?
REALLY? WELL, CLEARLY YOU DIDN'T BREAK A SWEAT,,, IF YOU DO SWEAT. WE'LL SEE WHAT THESE SENSOR DISCS RECORDED OF YOUR METABOLIC RATES.
WHILE I'M FEEDING THEM INTO THE SCANNER, YOU CAN UNDRESS AND PUT ON A GOWN.
WHY ON EARTH ARE THESE THINGS CALLED "GOWNS"? THEY'RE NOT AT ALL ELEGANT.
IF YOU DON'T MIND, DOCTOR, I'LL JUST ALTER MY COSTUME.
EXCUSE ME, DEAR? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ALTER YOUR--?
LIKE THIS!
OH,,, MY,,, LORD.
IS SOMETHING WRONG? ISN'T THIS A CLOSE ENOUGH MATCH?
IT,,, IT'S FINE.
I KNEW THAT YOU COULD CHANGE YOUR APPEARANCE, BUT I'D NEVER SEEN--!
HOW DO YOU DO THAT? AND WHAT ELSE CAN YOU,,, "ALTER"?
I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW TO EXPLAIN THE MECHANICS OF THE PROCESS. I JUST CONCENTRATE A LITTLE--SO THE FABRIC COMES OUT RIGHT--THEN I SORT OF GIVE THE MATERIAL A "PUSH."
AS FOR YOUR SECOND QUESTION-- I'M NOT SURE. I HAVEN'T TRIED DOING MUCH MORE THAN CHANGING CLOTHING,,,OR MYSELF.
WELL, WORK SOME OF THAT MAGIC ON YOUR UPPER LEFT ARM. JUST MAKE IT PENETRABLE ENOUGH FOR ME TO DRAW A LITTLE BLOOD,,,

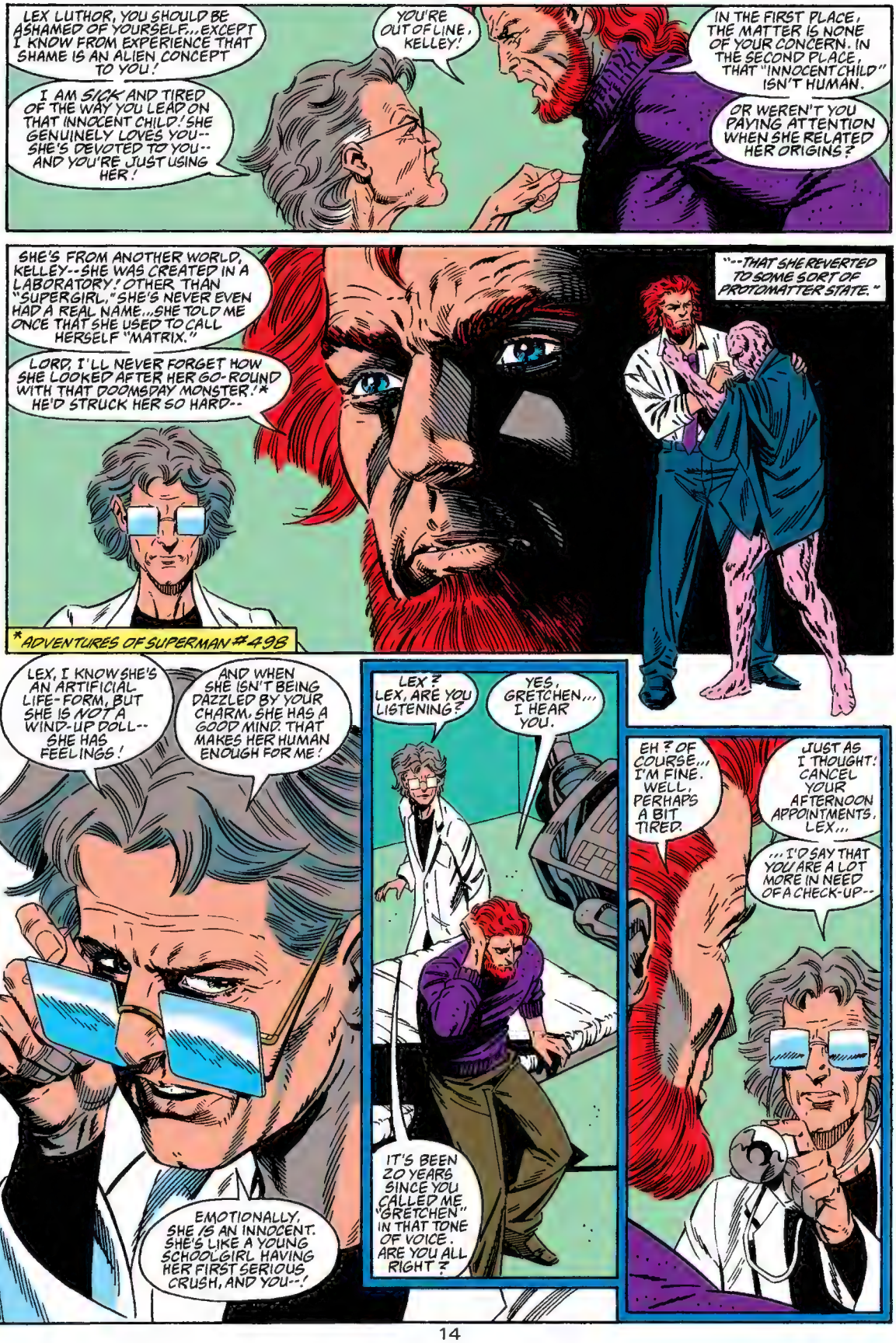

"... AND WE'LL SEE WHAT ELSE WE CAN FIND OUT ABOUT YOU."
LOOK AT THAT, HAPPERSEN! NOT ONLY THE STRENGTH TO BEND STEEL-- BUT TOTAL ELECTROMAGNETIC INVISIBILITY!
THAT'S A POWER BEYOND EVEN SUPERMAN!
AND DON'T FORGET HER SHAPE-SHIFTING ABILITIES, SIR. WE ALSO HAVE TAPES OF HER--
"--ASSUMING THE FORM OF THE HELLGRAMMITE!"
AH, YES! ALL PART OF HER LITTLE MASQUERADE TO FLUSH OUT THE MAN BEHIND MY WOULD-BE ASSASSIN.* THAT TRANSFORMATION WAS PAINFUL FOR HER, BUT SHE DID IT FOR ME GLADLY.
CALL UP TAPE 592-17
*SUPERGIRL & TEAM LUTHOR #1
REMEMBER OUR GIRL OF STEEL'S LITTLE ALTERCATION WITH SUPERMAN?* SHE APPARENTLY TOOK UMBRAGE WHEN HE TRIED TO ADVISE HER ON HER RELATIONSHIP WITH ME. I NEVER TIRE OF WATCHING THIS.
SHE WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR ME!
*IN ACTION COMICS #677 (THEY LATER APOLOGIZED.)
WELL, I HAVE OTHER THINGS TO CHECK UP ON. COLLATE THE NEW DATA, SYDNEY. I'LL BE EXPECTING A COMPLETE REPORT.
A.S.A.P., SIR.
WELL, THAT WASN'T SO BAD.
NOW WHAT?
I WANT TO EXAMINE YOUR EYES AND LISTEN TO YOUR HEART AND LUNGS.
HEART AND LUNGS FIRST. I SUPPOSE.

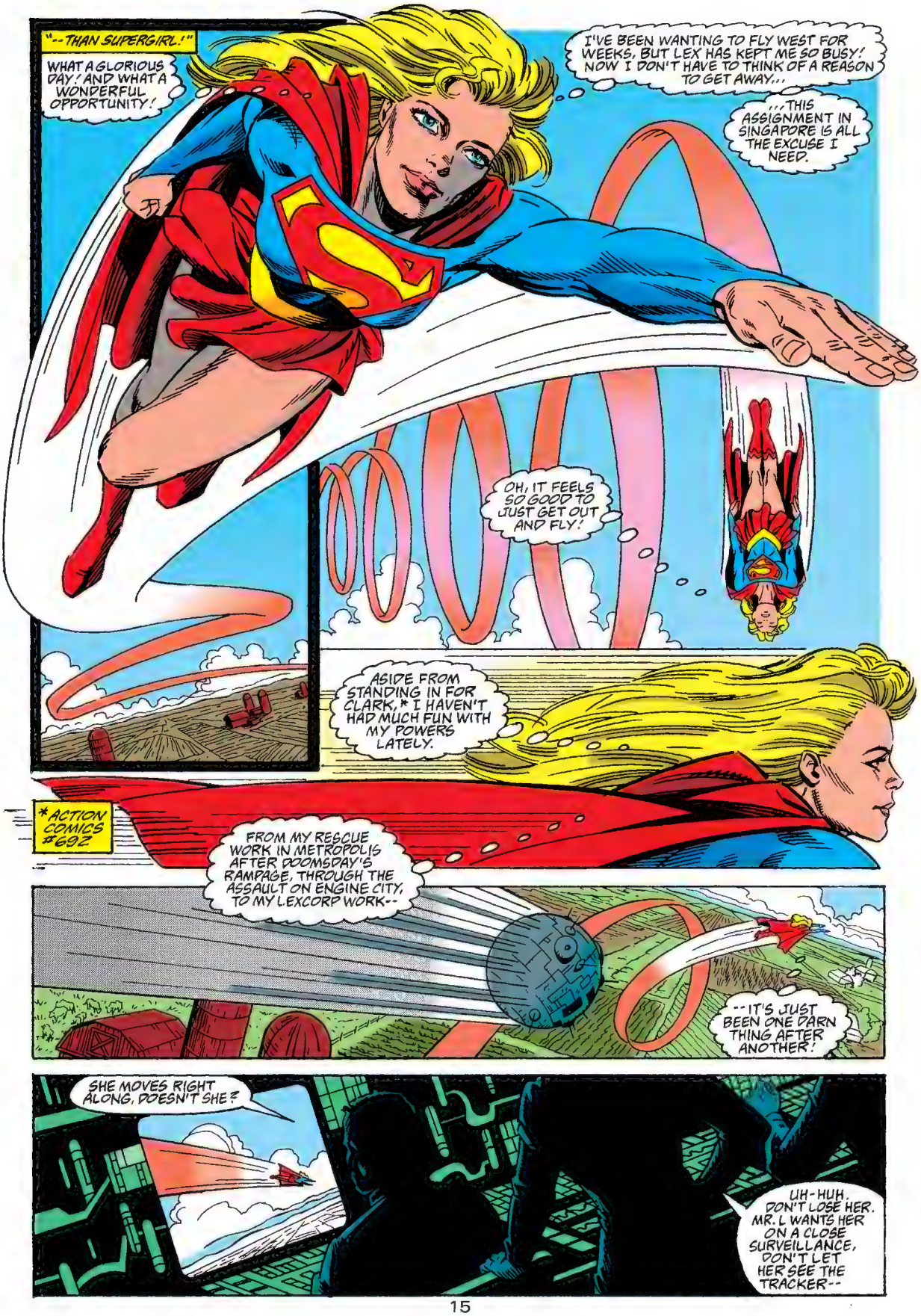

I'LL NEED YOU TO LOWER THE TOP OF YOUR GOWN, PLEASE. I'D LIKE TO CHECK YOUR HEARTBEAT AND RESPIRATION DURING ONE OR TWO OF YOUR SHAPE-CHANGES AND...
...HMM.
ON SECOND THOUGHT, THAT WILL REQUIRE SOME SETUP...SO LET'S DO THE EYE EXAM NEXT, INSTEAD.
OKAY, YOU'RE THE DOCTOR!
WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT TOGETHER, LEX LUTHOR. THERE'S NOT MUCH YOU COULD DO THAT WOULD SURPRISE ME ANYMORE.
I'VE ALMOST COME TO TERMS WITH THE SLEAZIER SIDE OF YOUR NATURE...
...ALMOST.
BUT I WON'T STAND BY AND BE A PARTY TO YOUR LITTLE PEEP SHOW!
CONFOUND THAT WOMAN!
YOU'RE A GOOD DOCTOR, GRETCHEN KELLEY. BUT SOMETIMES YOU ACT AS THOUGH YOU REALLY ARE MY MOTHER.
YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT ME...YOU AND SYDNEY HAPPERSEN ARE THE ONLY ONES IN MY EMPLOY WHO KNOW MY REAL ORIGINS.
BUT IF YOU THINK THAT I'LL JUST SIT BACK AND LET YOU INTERFERE WITH MY LIFE--

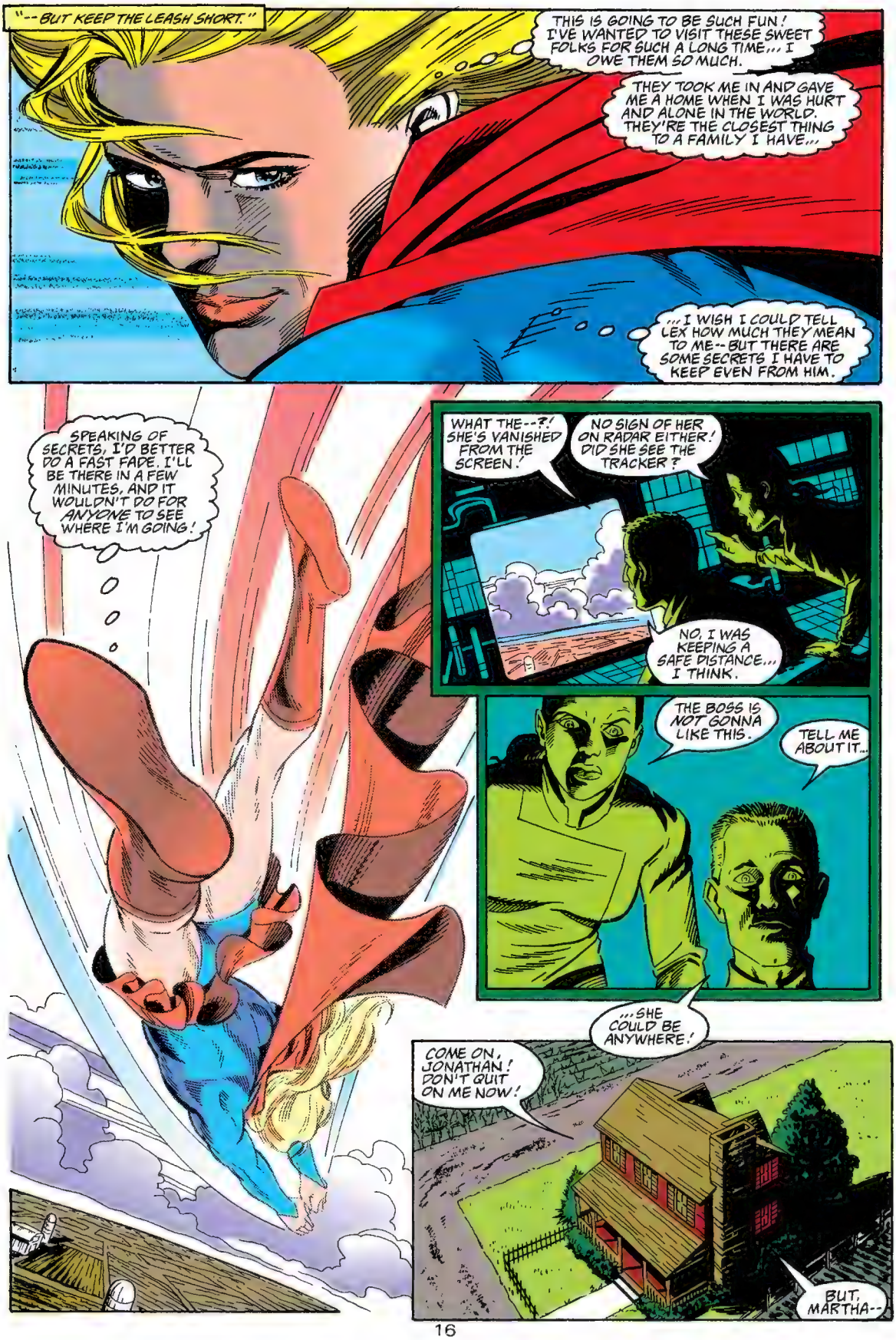

"--I SHALL HAVE TO SHOW YOU THE ERROR OF YOUR WAYS."
...E...H...J... B...Q...T... AND P.
WELL, THERE'S CERTAINLY NOTHING WRONG WITH YOUR VISION--YOU HAVE EYES LIKE A HAWK.
NOW LET'S GIVE A LISTEN TO THE HEART AND LUNGS.
ALL RIGHT...
SHORTLY...
SO, WHAT'S THE VERDICT?
YOU ARE WITHOUT A DOUBT THE HEALTHIEST INDIVIDUAL I'VE EVER EXAMINED.
HOW OLD ARE YOU, IF YOU DON'T MIND MY ASKING?
I'M NOT SURE HOW TO ANSWER THAT. I KNOW THAT I NEVER REALLY HAD A CHILDHOOD... I WAS "BORN" PRETTY MUCH IN THIS FORM.
THE EARLIEST THING I CAN RECALL...
"...IS A MAN'S FACE...
"HIS EYES WERE GREEN--
"...SO MUCH LIKE YOUR SON'S!
"--AND HIS HAIR WAS RED."
YOU'RE ALIVE... MY SUPERGIRL LIVES!

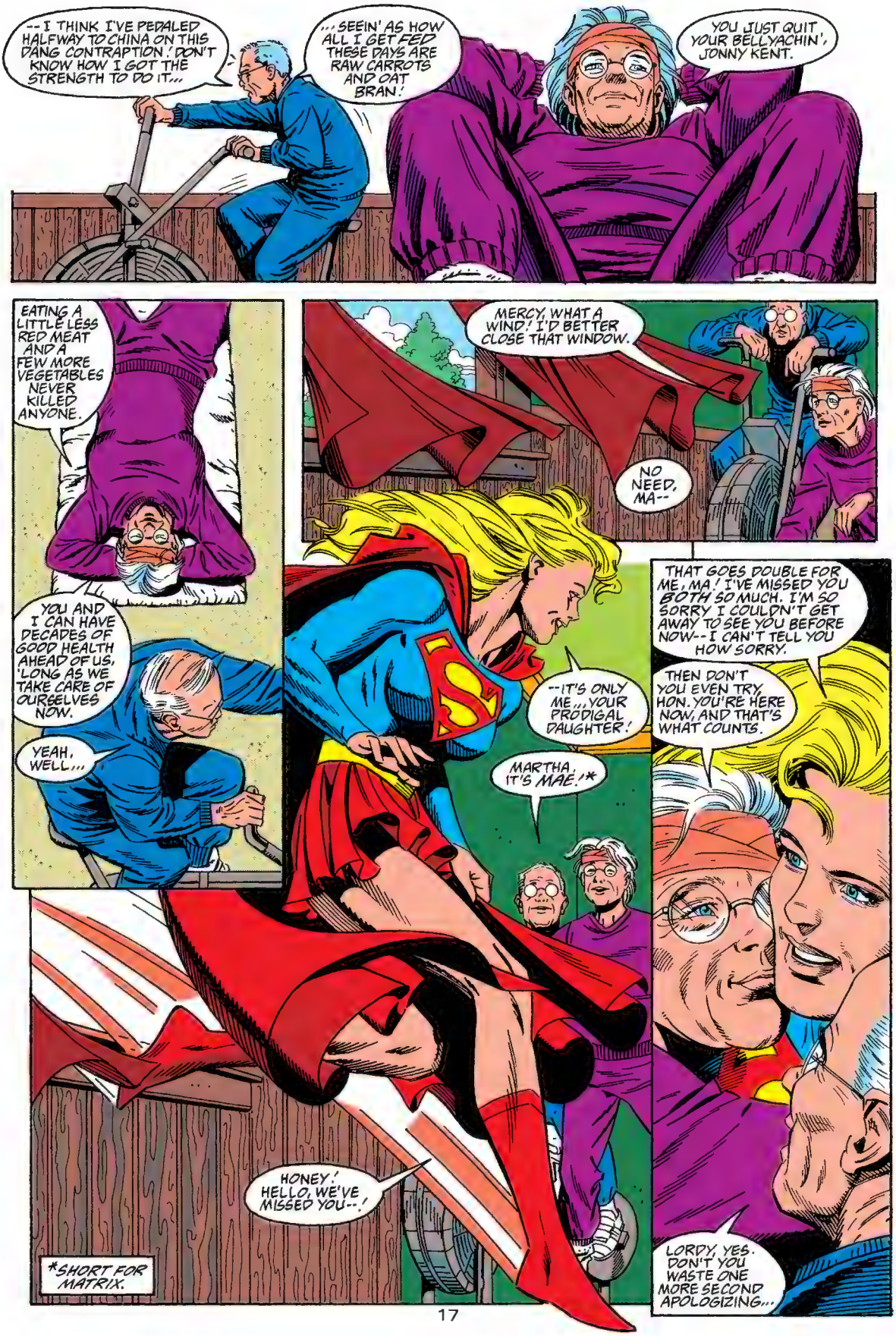
"YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, DOCTOR, I CAME FROM ANOTHER WORLD... ANOTHER REALITY. YOU MIGHT SAY THAT I WAS CREATED IN HOMAGE TO SUPERMAN.
"IN TIME, I WAS SENT TO EARTH TO ENLIST HIS AID IN STOPPING A TRIO OF POWERFUL ALIEN TERRORISTS WHO THREATENED OUR WORLD.
"THEY LOOKED LIKE PEOPLE, BUT THEY WERE VICIOUS, HEARTLESS MONSTERS. AND THEIR POWERS ACTUALLY RIVALED SUPERMAN'S!
"I WASN'T MUCH OF A MATCH FOR THEM, I'M AFRAID. IN THE END SUPERMAN HAD TO FACE THEM ALONE.
"HE AND I WERE THE ONLY SURVIVORS OF THAT WAR. I OWE SUPERMAN MY LIFE... HE BROUGHT ME BACK TO EARTH AND SAW TO IT THAT I WAS NURSED BACK TO HEALTH.
"IT WASN'T UNTIL BRAINIAC CAME ALONG THAT I REALLY GOT A CHANCE TO START REPAYING HIM. I WAS PROUD TO JOIN THE SUPER-BEINGS THAT HE'D ASSEMBLED TO FIGHT BRAINIAC'S INVASION FORCE.
"IT WAS A VERY DIFFERENT WAR. I'D NEVER SEEN SUCH HEROISM BEFORE. I LOST A FRIEND IN THAT WAR... I HARDLY KNEW HIM, BUT HE WAS A NOBLE, HONORABLE SOUL.
"AFTER WE'D DEFEATED BRAINIAC, I REALIZED THAT THE EARTH WAS A PLACE I COULD CALL MY HOME.*
*AS SHOWN IN SUPERMAN: 'PANIC IN THE SKY'
"AND THEN, OF COURSE, I MET LEX.* HE WAS THE VERY IMAGE OF THE MAN WHO HAD FIRST GIVEN ME LIFE."
*ACTION COMICS #676

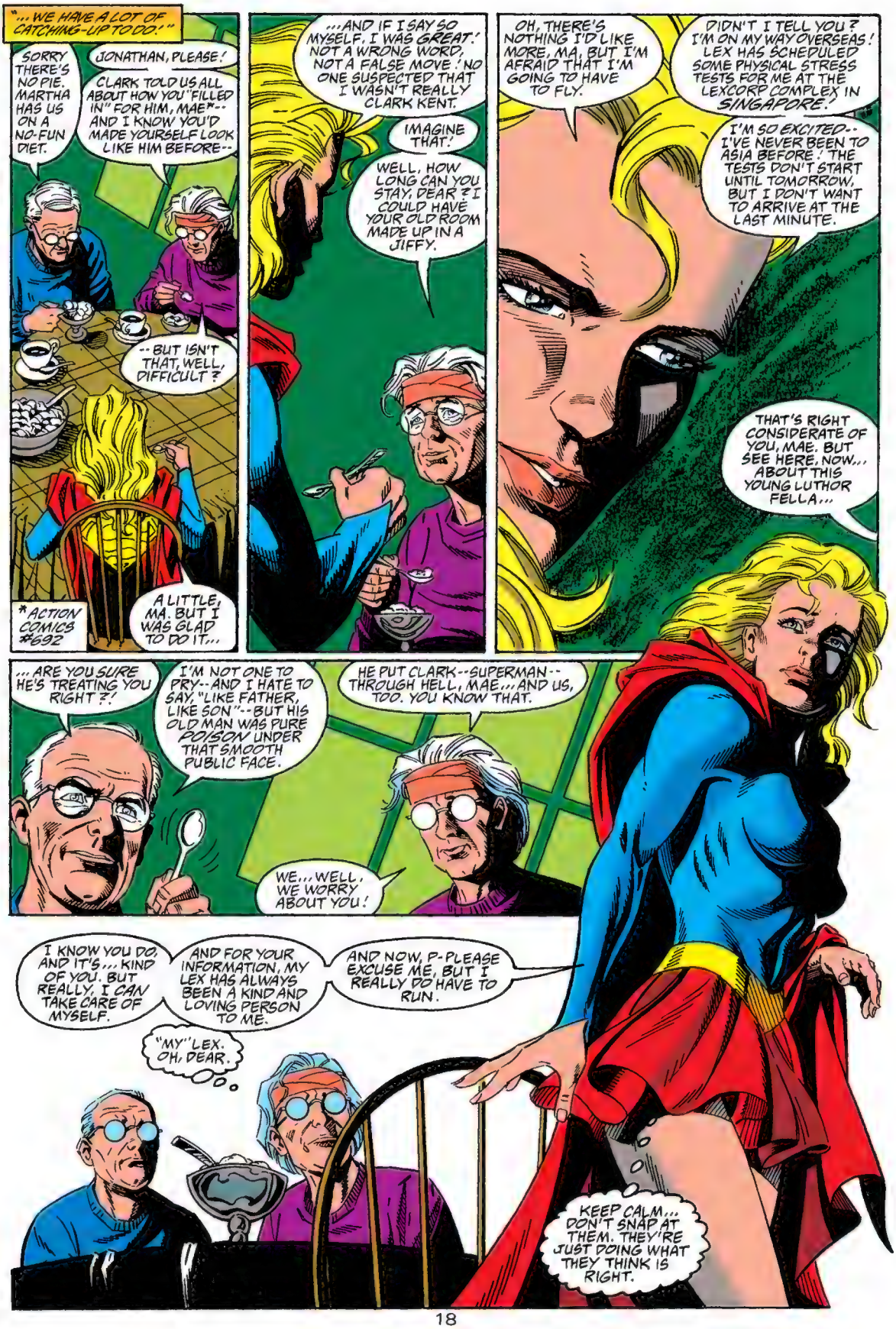

IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT...
...FOR BOTH OF US.
REALLY? IS THAT WHAT HE TOLD YOU?
WELL, MAYBE NOT SO MUCH IN WORDS... AT LEAST, NOT AT FIRST. BUT I COULD TELL FROM HIS EYES. YOU KNOW, DR. KELLEY--
--SOME THINGS YOU DON'T HAVE TO HEAR TO BELIEVE-- YOU JUST KNOW THEM.
YES, WELL... I KNOW THAT MY...SON IS A COMPLEX MAN--.'
ALWAYS THE DIPLOMAT--EH, MUM?
DAMN.
HELLO, LEX.
MMMM... HI.
HELLO, LOVE--
--SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT I'VE A BIT OF BUSINESS FOR YOU...
SOON...
OF COURSE I DON'T MIND LEAVING RIGHT AWAY. THIS WILL BE FUN!
'BYE, LEX. 'BYE, DR. KELLEY.
TAKE CARE, LOVE.
YES, TAKE GOOD CARE...
AND NOW, "MOTHER DEAR," I BELIEVE WE HAVE A FEW THINGS TO DISCUSS.
I'LL SAY WE DO!

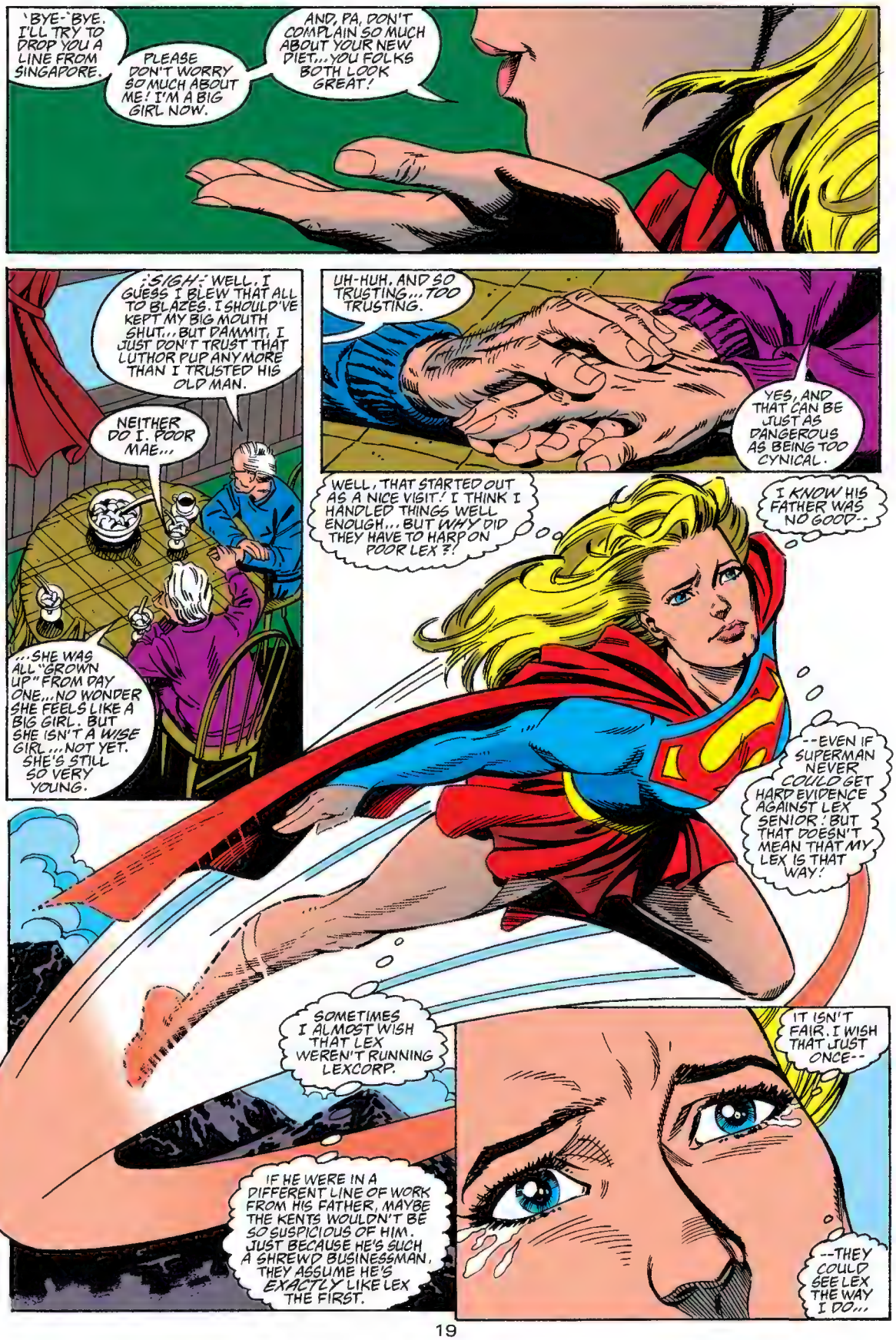

LEX LUTHOR, YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF... EXCEPT I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THAT SHAME IS AN ALIEN CONCEPT TO YOU!
I AM SICK AND TIRED OF THE WAY YOU LEAD ON THAT INNOCENT CHILD! SHE GENUINELY LOVES YOU-- SHE'S DEVOTED TO YOU-- AND YOU'RE JUST USING HER!
YOU'RE OUT OF LINE, KELLEY!
IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE MATTER IS NONE OF YOUR CONCERN. IN THE SECOND PLACE, THAT "INNOCENT CHILD" ISN'T HUMAN.
OR WEREN'T YOU PAYING ATTENTION WHEN SHE RELATED HER ORIGINS?
SHE'S FROM ANOTHER WORLD, KELLEY--SHE WAS CREATED IN A LABORATORY! OTHER THAN "SUPERGIRL," SHE'S NEVER EVEN HAD A REAL NAME... SHE TOLD ME ONCE THAT SHE USED TO CALL HERSELF "MATRIX."
LORD, I'LL NEVER FORGET HOW SHE LOOKED AFTER HER GO-ROUND WITH THAT DOOMSDAY MONSTER!* HE'D STRUCK HER SO HARD--
"--THAT SHE REVERTED TO SOME SORT OF PROTOMATTER STATE."
*ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #498
LEX, I KNOW SHE'S AN ARTIFICIAL LIFE-FORM, BUT SHE IS NOT A WIND-UP DOLL-- SHE HAS FEELINGS!
AND WHEN SHE ISN'T BEING DAZZLED BY YOUR CHARM, SHE HAS A GOOD MIND. THAT MAKES HER HUMAN ENOUGH FOR ME!
EMOTIONALLY, SHE IS AN INNOCENT. SHE'S LIKE A YOUNG SCHOOLGIRL HAVING HER FIRST SERIOUS CRUSH, AND YOU--!
LEX? LEX, ARE YOU LISTENING?
YES, GRETCHEN... I HEAR YOU.
IT'S BEEN 20 YEARS SINCE YOU CALLED ME "GRETCHEN" IN THAT TONE OF VOICE. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
EH? OF COURSE... I'M FINE. WELL, PERHAPS A BIT TIRED.
JUST AS I THOUGHT! CANCEL YOUR AFTERNOON APPOINTMENTS, LEX...
...I'D SAY THAT YOU ARE A LOT MORE IN NEED OF A CHECK-UP--

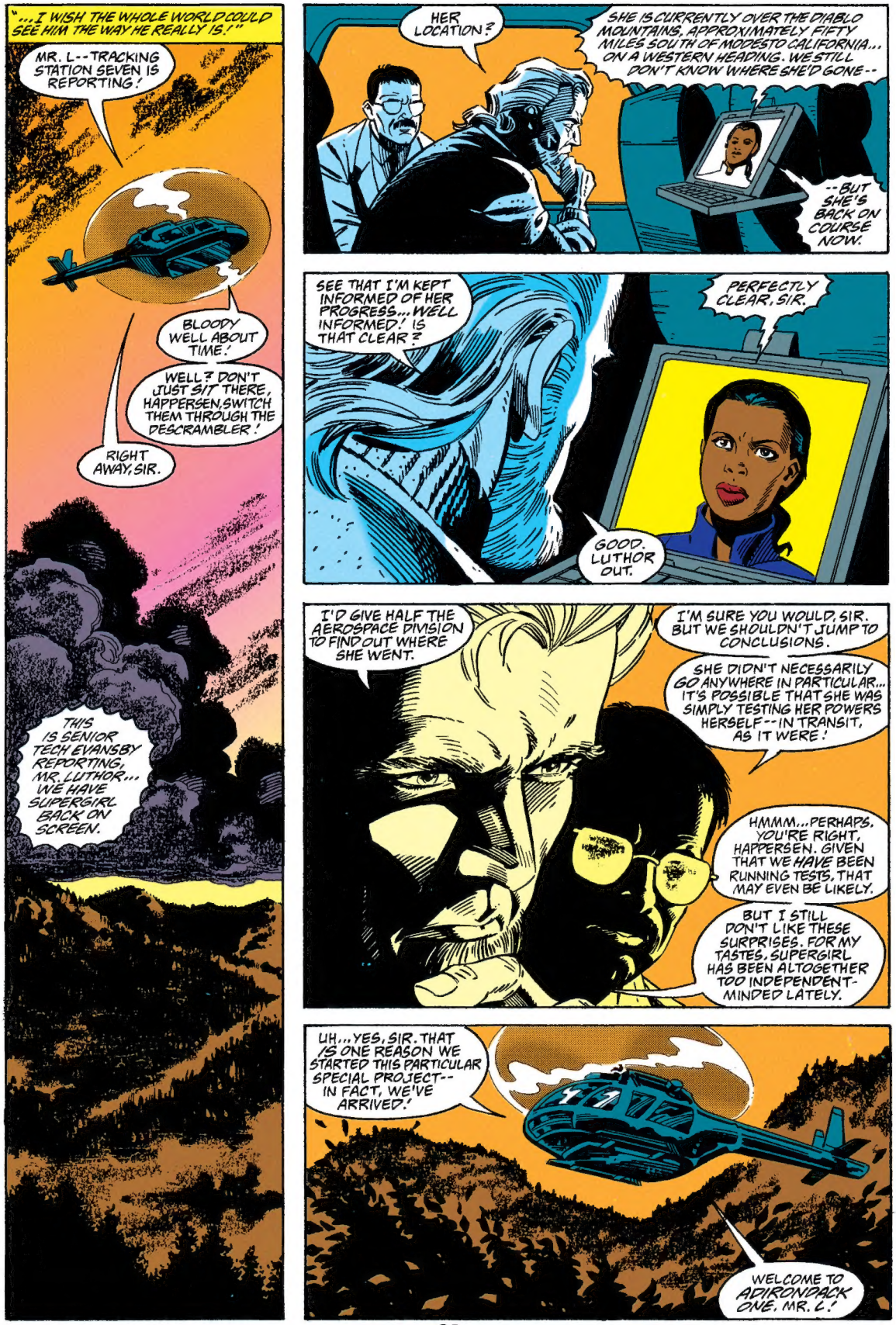

"--THAN SUPERGIRL!"
WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY! AND WHAT A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO FLY WEST FOR WEEKS, BUT LEX HAS KEPT ME SO BUSY! NOW I DON'T HAVE TO THINK OF A REASON TO GET AWAY...
...THIS ASSIGNMENT IN SINGAPORE IS ALL THE EXCUSE I NEED.
OH, IT FEELS SO GOOD TO JUST GET OUT AND FLY!
ASIDE FROM STANDING IN FOR CLARK, * I HAVEN'T HAD MUCH FUN WITH MY POWERS LATELY.
*ACTION COMICS #692
FROM MY RESCUE WORK IN METROPOLIS AFTER DOOMSDAY'S RAMPAGE, THROUGH THE ASSAULT ON ENGINE CITY, TO MY LEXCORP WORK--
--IT'S JUST BEEN ONE DARN THING AFTER ANOTHER!
SHE MOVES RIGHT ALONG, DOESN'T SHE?
UH-HUH. DON'T LOSE HER. MR. L WANTS HER ON A CLOSE SURVEILLANCE, DON'T LET HER SEE THE TRACKER--

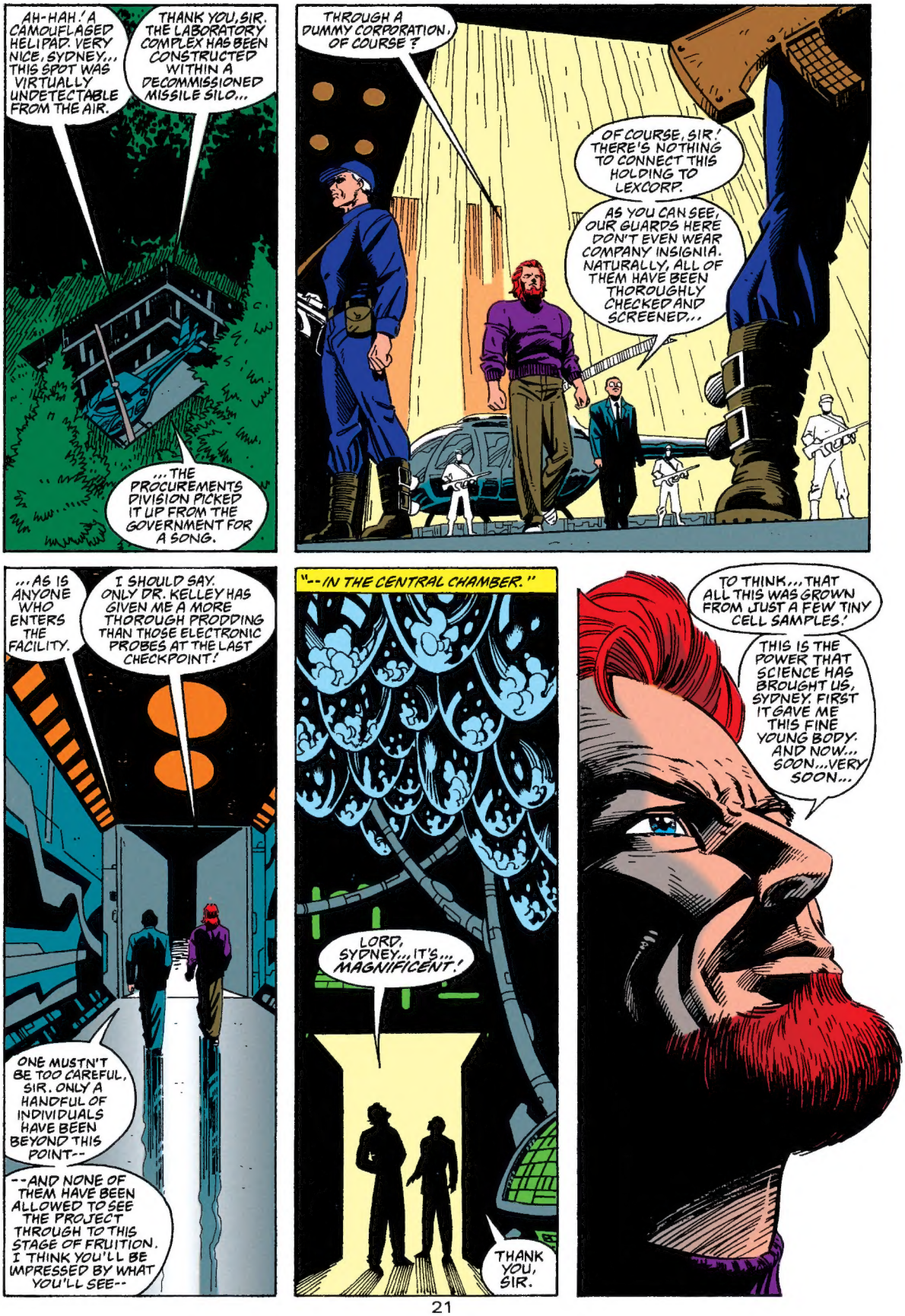

"-- BUT KEEP THE LEASH SHORT."
THIS IS GOING TO BE SUCH FUN! I'VE WANTED TO VISIT THESE SWEET FOLKS FOR SUCH A LONG TIME... I OWE THEM SO MUCH.
THEY TOOK ME IN AND GAVE ME A HOME WHEN I WAS HURT AND ALONE IN THE WORLD. THEY'RE THE CLOSEST THING TO A FAMILY I HAVE...
...I WISH I COULD TELL LEX HOW MUCH THEY MEAN TO ME-- BUT THERE ARE SOME SECRETS I HAVE TO KEEP EVEN FROM HIM.
SPEAKING OF SECRETS, I'D BETTER DO A FAST FADE. I'LL BE THERE IN A FEW MINUTES, AND IT WOULDN'T DO FOR ANYONE TO SEE WHERE I'M GOING!
WHAT THE--?! SHE'S VANISHED FROM THE SCREEN!
NO SIGN OF HER ON RADAR EITHER! DID SHE SEE THE TRACKER?
NO, I WAS KEEPING A SAFE DISTANCE... I THINK.
THE BOSS IS NOT GONNA LIKE THIS.
TELL ME ABOUT IT...
...SHE COULD BE ANYWHERE!
COME ON, JONATHAN! DON'T QUIT ON ME NOW!
BUT, MARTHA--

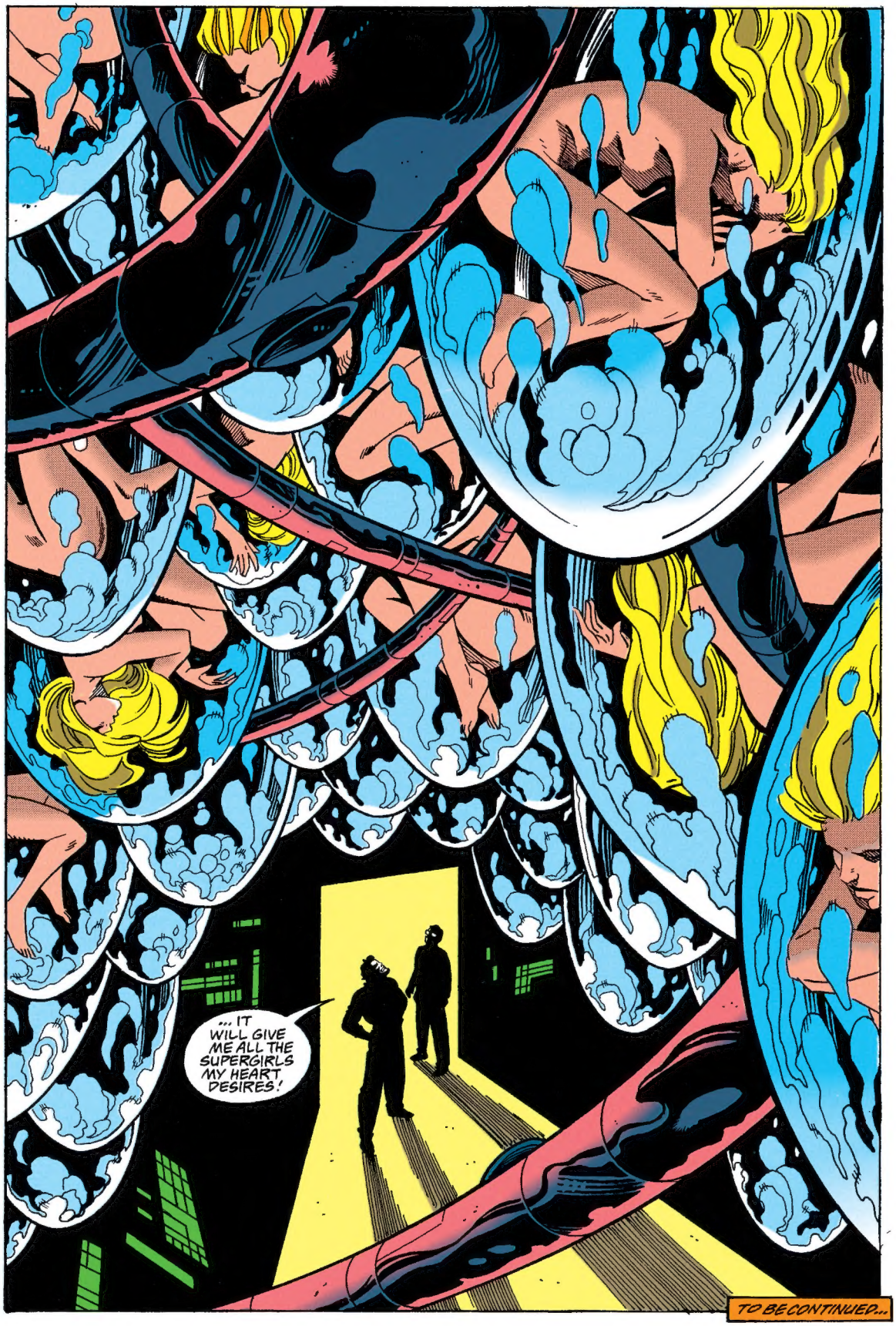

-- I THINK I'VE PEDALED HALFWAY TO CHINA ON THIS DANG CONTRAPTION! DON'T KNOW HOW I GOT THE STRENGTH TO DO IT...
...SEEIN' AS HOW ALL I GET FED THESE DAYS ARE RAW CARROTS AND OAT BRAN!
YOU JUST QUIT YOUR BELLYACHIN', JONNY KENT.
EATING A LITTLE LESS RED MEAT AND A FEW MORE VEGETABLES NEVER KILLED ANYONE.
YOU AND I CAN HAVE DECADES OF GOOD HEALTH AHEAD OF US, 'LONG AS WE TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES NOW.
YEAH, WELL...
MERCY, WHAT A WIND! I'D BETTER CLOSE THAT WINDOW.
NO NEED, MA--
--IT'S ONLY ME... YOUR PRODIGAL DAUGHTER!
MARTHA, IT'S MAE!*
HONEY! HELLO, WE'VE MISSED YOU--!
*SHORT FOR MATRIX.
THAT GOES DOUBLE FOR ME, MA! I'VE MISSED YOU BOTH SO MUCH. I'M SO SORRY I COULDN'T GET AWAY TO SEE YOU BEFORE NOW-- I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW SORRY.
THEN DON'T YOU EVEN TRY, HON. YOU'RE HERE NOW, AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTS.
LORDY, YES. DON'T YOU WASTE ONE MORE SECOND APOLOGIZING...


"...WE HAVE A LOT OF CATCHING-UP TO DO."
SORRY THERE'S NO PIE. MARTHA HAS US ON A NO-FUN DIET.
JONATHAN, PLEASE!
CLARK TOLD US ALL ABOUT HOW YOU "FILLED IN" FOR HIM, MAE*-- AND I KNOW YOU'D MADE YOURSELF LOOK LIKE HIM BEFORE--
--BUT ISN'T THAT, WELL, DIFFICULT?
*ACTION COMICS #692
A LITTLE, MA. BUT I WAS GLAD TO DO IT...
...AND IF I SAY SO MYSELF, I WAS GREAT! NOT A WRONG WORD, NOT A FALSE MOVE! NO ONE SUSPECTED THAT I WASN'T REALLY CLARK KENT.
IMAGINE THAT!
WELL, HOW LONG CAN YOU STAY, DEAR? I COULD HAVE YOUR OLD ROOM MADE UP IN A JIFFY.
OH, THERE'S NOTHING I'D LIKE MORE, MA, BUT I'M AFRAID THAT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO FLY.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU? I'M ON MY WAY OVERSEAS! LEX HAS SCHEDULED SOME PHYSICAL STRESS TESTS FOR ME AT THE LEXCORP COMPLEX IN SINGAPORE!
I'M SO EXCITED-- I'VE NEVER BEEN TO ASIA BEFORE! THE TESTS DON'T START UNTIL TOMORROW, BUT I DON'T WANT TO ARRIVE AT THE LAST MINUTE.
THAT'S RIGHT CONSIDERATE OF YOU, MAE. BUT SEE HERE, NOW... ABOUT THIS YOUNG LUTHOR FELLA...
...ARE YOU SURE HE'S TREATING YOU RIGHT?!
I'M NOT ONE TO PRY-- AND I HATE TO SAY, "LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON"-- BUT HIS OLD MAN WAS PURE POISON UNDER THAT SMOOTH PUBLIC FACE.
HE PUT CLARK--SUPERMAN-- THROUGH HELL, MAE... AND US, TOO. YOU KNOW THAT.
WE... WELL, WE WORRY ABOUT YOU!
I KNOW YOU DO, AND IT'S... KIND OF YOU. BUT REALLY, I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.
AND FOR YOUR INFORMATION, MY LEX HAS ALWAYS BEEN A KIND AND LOVING PERSON TO ME.
AND NOW, P-PLEASE EXCUSE ME, BUT I REALLY DO HAVE TO RUN.
"MY" LEX. OH, DEAR.
KEEP CALM... DON'T SNAP AT THEM. THEY'RE JUST DOING WHAT THEY THINK IS RIGHT.


'BYE-'BYE. I'LL TRY TO DROP YOU A LINE FROM SINGAPORE.
PLEASE DON'T WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT ME! I'M A BIG GIRL NOW.
AND, PA, DON'T COMPLAIN SO MUCH ABOUT YOUR NEW DIET... YOU FOLKS BOTH LOOK GREAT!
;SIGH-' WELL, I GUESS I BLEW THAT ALL TO BLAZES. I SHOULD'VE KEPT MY BIG MOUTH SHUT... BUT DAMMIT, I JUST DON'T TRUST THAT LUTHOR PUP ANY MORE THAN I TRUSTED HIS OLD MAN.
NEITHER DO I. POOR MAE...
...SHE WAS ALL "GROWN UP" FROM DAY ONE... NO WONDER SHE FEELS LIKE A BIG GIRL. BUT SHE ISN'T A WISE GIRL... NOT YET. SHE'S STILL SO VERY YOUNG.
UH-HUH. AND SO TRUSTING... TOO TRUSTING.
YES, AND THAT CAN BE JUST AS DANGEROUS AS BEING TOO CYNICAL.
WELL, THAT STARTED OUT AS A NICE VISIT. I THINK I HANDLED THINGS WELL ENOUGH... BUT WHY DID THEY HAVE TO HARP ON POOR LEX?
I KNOW HIS FATHER WAS NO GOOD--
--EVEN IF SUPERMAN NEVER COULD GET HARD EVIDENCE AGAINST LEX SENIOR! BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT MY LEX IS THAT WAY!
SOMETIMES I ALMOST WISH THAT LEX WEREN'T RUNNING LEXCORP.
IF HE WERE IN A DIFFERENT LINE OF WORK FROM HIS FATHER, MAYBE THE KENTS WOULDN'T BE SO SUSPICIOUS OF HIM. JUST BECAUSE HE'S SUCH A SHREWD BUSINESSMAN, THEY ASSUME HE'S EXACTLY LIKE LEX THE FIRST.
IT ISN'T FAIR. I WISH THAT JUST ONCE--
--THEY COULD SEE LEX THE WAY I DO...


"...I WISH THE WHOLE WORLD COULD SEE HIM THE WAY HE REALLY IS!"
MR. L--TRACKING STATION SEVEN IS REPORTING!
BLOODY WELL ABOUT TIME!
WELL? DON'T JUST SIT THERE, HAPPERSEN, SWITCH THEM THROUGH THE DESCRAMBLER!
RIGHT AWAY, SIR.
THIS IS SENIOR TECH EVANSBY REPORTING, MR. LUTHOR... WE HAVE SUPERGIRL BACK ON SCREEN.
HER LOCATION?
SHE IS CURRENTLY OVER THE DIABLO MOUNTAINS, APPROXIMATELY FIFTY MILES SOUTH OF MODESTO CALIFORNIA... ON A WESTERN HEADING. WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE'D GONE--
--BUT SHE'S BACK ON COURSE NOW.
SEE THAT I'M KEPT INFORMED OF HER PROGRESS... WELL INFORMED! IS THAT CLEAR?
PERFECTLY CLEAR, SIR.
GOOD. LUTHOR OUT.
I'D GIVE HALF THE AEROSPACE DIVISION TO FIND OUT WHERE SHE WENT.
I'M SURE YOU WOULD, SIR. BUT WE SHOULDN'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS.
SHE DIDN'T NECESSARILY GO ANYWHERE IN PARTICULAR... IT'S POSSIBLE THAT SHE WAS SIMPLY TESTING HER POWERS HERSELF--IN TRANSIT, AS IT WERE!
HMMM... PERHAPS, YOU'RE RIGHT, HAPPERSEN. GIVEN THAT WE HAVE BEEN RUNNING TESTS, THAT MAY EVEN BE LIKELY.
BUT I STILL DON'T LIKE THESE SURPRISES. FOR MY TASTES, SUPERGIRL HAS BEEN ALTOGETHER TOO INDEPENDENT-MINDED LATELY.
UH... YES, SIR. THAT IS ONE REASON WE STARTED THIS PARTICULAR SPECIAL PROJECT-- IN FACT, WE'VE ARRIVED!
WELCOME TO ADIRONDACK ONE, MR. L!


AH-HAH.' A CAMOUFLAGED HELIPAD. VERY NICE, SYDNEY... THIS SPOT WAS VIRTUALLY UNDETECTABLE FROM THE AIR.
THANK YOU, SIR. THE LABORATORY COMPLEX HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED WITHIN A DECOMMISSIONED MISSILE SILO...
...THE PROCUREMENTS DIVISION PICKED IT UP FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR A SONG.
THROUGH A DUMMY CORPORATION, OF COURSE?
OF COURSE, SIR! THERE'S NOTHING TO CONNECT THIS HOLDING TO LEXCORP.
AS YOU CAN SEE, OUR GUARDS HERE DON'T EVEN WEAR COMPANY INSIGNIA. NATURALLY, ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY CHECKED AND SCREENED...
...AS IS ANYONE WHO ENTERS THE FACILITY.
I SHOULD SAY. ONLY DR. KELLEY HAS GIVEN ME A MORE THOROUGH PRODDING THAN THOSE ELECTRONIC PROBES AT THE LAST CHECKPOINT!
ONE MUSTN'T BE TOO CAREFUL, SIR. ONLY A HANDFUL OF INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN BEYOND THIS POINT--
--AND NONE OF THEM HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO SEE THE PROJECT THROUGH TO THIS STAGE OF FRUITION. I THINK YOU'LL BE IMPRESSED BY WHAT YOU'LL SEE--
"--IN THE CENTRAL CHAMBER."
LORD, SYDNEY... IT'S... MAGNIFICENT!
THANK YOU, SIR.
TO THINK... THAT ALL THIS WAS GROWN FROM JUST A FEW TINY CELL SAMPLES!
THIS IS THE POWER THAT SCIENCE HAS BROUGHT US, SYDNEY. FIRST IT GAVE ME THIS FINE YOUNG BODY. AND NOW... SOON... VERY SOON...


... IT WILL GIVE ME ALL THE SUPERGIRLS MY HEART DESIRES!
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